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DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that: My residence, post-office address, and citizenship are as stated below next to my name,
I believe that I am an original joint inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled

METHOD FOR ENCODING ITEMS OF INFORMATION AND A DEVICE AND METHOD FOR EVALUATING THE ENCODED INFORMATION

the specification of which was filed on **9 October 2003** as PCT application **PCT/DE2003/003353**.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR 1.56.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 USC 119 of any foreign applications for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign applications for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

Prior Foreign Applications

Country	Number	Filing Date	Priority claimed
DE	10252628.1	11 November 2002	Yes

I hereby claim the benefit under 35 USC 120 of the United States Application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States Application(s) in the manner provided by the first paragraph of 35 USC 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in 37 CFR 1.56 which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

Serial Number	Filing Date	Status
PCT/DE2003/003353	9 October 2003	Pending

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